

The Ninth Circle



Introduction

Welcome, once again gentlemen (after quite a hiatus) to another issue of The Ninth Circle. For those not familiar with us, we are a postal newsletter dedicated to the wargaming hobby and, in particular, the play-by-mail Diplomacy hobby. Current subscriptions rates are \$5.00 for 10 issues, and the game fee is \$3.00 per game plus a \$2.00 refundable desposit. The desposit will be returned if you do not drop your position without prior notification.

The deadline for all games is Thursday, June 28th, 1979. The deadline for games GMed by Konrad, Mark & Gene is Saturday, June 23rd, 1979. Also due on the 23rd are all Stellar Conquest orders. All orders submitted via the telephone are due one day before posted deadlines.

The Devil's Den XVII

- 1) Well, I suppose you're wondering what the hell happened to us! Nothing happened to us per se, it was all me. Since the last issue came out, I have been involved in a production of The Madwoman of Chaillot, the writing of several papers (including a one act play), final exams, graduation from college, and a job interview. During that time, The Ninth Circle slowly--very slowly--took shape. Also during that time I have had no chance write any letters at all, so I've also got a couple of Diplomacy games on my hands which are going straight down the tubes! I have also learned over the past few weeks that if I'm not around, the entire organization of this rag falls apart! We are now in the process of re-organizing the organization. But we are back--perhaps with our reputation somewhat tarnished, but back nonetheless.

- 2) Changes of Address--All players take note!!

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- 3) Game Openings:

Diplomacy--T9thC-12: 5 signed; 2 spots left. Last game for a while.

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The Quiz!

Below is listed the complete set of answers to last month's quiz. Scores and comments follow on the next page. In each case the date the work was written, composed, etc., has been included, though this information was not required with your answers.

1. Star Spangled Banner--Francis Scott Key, 1812.
2. Gone With the Wind--Margaret Mitchell, 1936.
3. Winnie the Pooh--A.A. Milne, 1926.
4. Spoon River Anthology--Edgar Lee Masters, 1915. (Free verse.)
5. The Man With the Hoe--A poem by Edwin Markham, 1899, inspired by Jean Francois Millet's painting, 1863.
6. Dennis the Menace--Hank Ketchum, daily.
7. Battle Hymn of the Republic--Julia Ward Howe, 1862.
8. Polio Vaccine--Jonas Salk, 1953.
9. City Lights--Charlie Chaplin movie, 1924.
10. Moby Dick--Herman Melville, 1851.
11. The Raven--A poem by Edgar Allen Poe, 1843.
12. Baseball--Abner Doubleday, 1839
13. Casey at the Bat--A poem by E.L. Thayer, 1888.
14. The Mona Lisa--(La Gioconda), painted by Leonardo da Vinci, c. 1503-05.
15. Death Comes for the Archbishop--Willa Cather, 1927.
16. The Scarlet Letter--Nathaniel Hawthorne, 1850.
17. The Republic--Plato (b. 427?, d. 347 B.C.)
18. The Turn of the Screw--Henry James, 1898.
19. The Magnificent Ambersons--Booth Tarkington, 1918.
20. The Iliad--Homer (c. 9th or 10th century B.C.)
21. The Sun Also Rises--Ernest Hemingway, 1926.
22. The Blue Danube Waltz--Johann Strauss, Jr., 1867.
23. The Divine Comedy--An epic poem by Dante Alighieri, c. 1300.
24. The Canterbury Tales--Geoffrey Chaucer, mostly after 1387.
25. The Prince--Niccolo Machiavelli, 1513 (pub. 1532).
26. Origin of Species--Charles Darwin, 1859.
27. The Unfinished Symphony--Franz Schubert, 1822 (Symphony No. 8 in B minor).
28. The Thinker--Sculpture by Auguste Rodin, 1979-89.
29. An American Tragedy--Theodore Dreiser, 1925.
30. The Mikado--An operetta by Gilbert & Sullivan, 1885.
31. Guernica--A painting by Pablo Picasso, 1937.
32. Pieta--Sculpture by Michelangelo, c. 1496-1501.
33. The Jungle--Upton Sinclair, 1906.
34. Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde--Robert Louis Stevenson, 1886.
35. USA--John Dos Passos (A trilogy published 1930-36).
36. Uncle Tom's Cabin--Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1852.
37. The Taming of the Shrew--William Shakespeare, 1596.
38. Winesburg, Ohio--Sherwood Anderson, 1919.
39. The Pink Panther Theme--Henry Mancini, 1964.
40. The Prisoner of Chillon--George Gordon Lord Byron, 1816.
41. Peter Pan--James Barrie, 1904.
42. Frankenstein--Mary Shelley, 1817.
43. The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes--Arthue Conan Doyle, 1891.
44. The Decline of the West--Oswald Spengler, 1926.
45. War and Peace--Leo Tolstoy, 1864-66.
46. Leaves of Grass--A book of poems by Walt Whitman, 1855.
47. Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening--A poem by Robert Frost, 1923.
48. Crime and Punishment--Fedor M. Dostoevski, 1866.
49. The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire--Edward Gibbon, 1776.
50. Oliver Twist--Charles Dickens, 1837.
51. Babbit--Sinclair Lewis, 1922.
52. A Connecticut Yankee at King Arthur's Court--Mark Twain, 1889
53. Little Women--Louisa May Alcott, 1868-69.
54. La Mer--A tone poem by Claude Debussy, 1905.
55. Birth of a Nation--D.W. Griffith movie, 1915.
56. An Interpretation of Dreams--Sigmund Freud, 1900.
57. Remembrance of Things Past--Marcel Proust, 1913-22.
58. The Great Gatsby--F. Scott Fitzgerald, 1925.
59. Gulliver's Travels--Jonathan Swift, 1726.
60. Don Quixote--Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra (Cervantes), 1614.
61. Faust--A drama by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, 1808 & 1813, or an opera by Charles Gounod, 1850.
62. The Blue Boy--A painting by Thomas Gainsborough, c.1770.
63. The Three Musketeers--Alexander Dumas, 1844.
64. Sonnets From the Portuguese--Elizabeth Barrett Browning, 1850

65. Silent Night, Holy Night--Music by Franz Gruber, words by Joseph Mohr, 1818.
66. The Waste Land--A poem by T.S. Eliot, 1922.
67. Cross Creek--Marjorie Kinman Rawlings, 1942.
68. The Tarzan novels--Edgar Rice Burroughs, (b.1875,d.1950).
69. The Magic Mountain--Thomas Mann, 1927.
70. The Good Earth--Pearl Buck, 1931.
71. Aida--An opera by Giuseppe Verdi, 1871.
72. Lord of the Flies--William Golding, 1954.
73. Lord of the Rings--J.R.R. Tolkien, 1954-55.
74. Paradise Lost--An epic poem by John Milton, 1667.
75. Catcher in the Rye--J.D. Salinger, 1951.
76. Walden--Henry David Thoreau, 1854.
77. Of Human Bondage--Somerset Maugham, 1915.
78. Wuthering Heights--Emily Bronte, 1847.
79. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland--Lewis Carroll (C.H. Dodgson, 1865).
80. Pride and Prejudice--Jane Austen, 1813.
81. Robinson Crusoe--Daniel Defoe, 1720.
82. The Grapes of Wrath--John Steinbeck, 1939.
83. Finlandia--A symphony by Jean Sibelius, 1900.
84. New World Symphony--Anton Dvorak, 1893.
85. The Gulag Archipeligo--Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, 1975.
86. Stardust--Music by Hoagy Carmichael, lyrics by Mitchell Parish, recorded in 1929.
87. Sons and Lovers--D.H. Lawrence, 1913.
88. The Rubaiyat--Omar Khayyam; English trans. by Edward FitzGerald, 1859.
89. Pygmalion--George Bernard Shaw, 1912.
90. The Road to Mandalay--Oley Speaks, 1907, wrote the song from a 1905 poem by Rudyard Kipling.
91. The 25 Theses--Martin Luther, 1517.
92. Das Kapital--Karl Marx, 1867.
93. Ode to a Nightingale--John Keats, 1820.
94. Camptown Races--Stephen Foster, 1850.
95. The Messiah--Oratorio by George Frederick Handel, 1741.
96. Pilgrim's Progress--John Bunyan, 1678.
97. God Bless America--A song by Irving Berlin, 1938.
98. You Can't Go Home Again--Thomas Wolfe, 1940.
99. Candide--Voltaire, 1759.
100. Taliesin--Frank Lloyd Wright, architect, (b.1869,d.1959); named for his home at Spring Green, Wisconsin. Wright designed several of the buildings on the Florida Southern College campus at Lakeland, the Guggenheim Museum in New York City, the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo and more.

The Standings!

Well, out of a possible 103 we received a grand total of 5 responses to the quiz. All five of these people did very well, and we have a tie for First Place between Tom Fagedes and John Beamer, both of whom scored 73 correct answers! Following closely are Konrad Baumeister (67), John Hendry (66), and Larry Boudon (42). I now consider you five to be the core of Ninth Circle intellectualism!!

The ratings, as included with the quiz, are as follows:

- 20 or fewer correct: About average, alas.
- 21-33 correct: Not bad. You have some college education. Or you're over 40 or you have read fairly widely.
- 34-50 correct: You're getting better.
- 51 correct: You have more than half right. You can now boast about this to your friends.
- 60 correct: Consider yourself one of the intelligentsia.
- 70 correct: You are now among the literati. Well done.
- 80 correct: Truly, you are one of the cognoscenti. Congratulations.
- 90 or more correct: You probably peeked at the answers.

The winner of the I-Know-I-Read-It-But-I-Can't-Think-Of-The-Author Award is The Lord of the Flies by William Golding. Nobody--but nobody!--missed the fact that The Prince was written by Machiavelli. I guess that says something about this group if anything does! And winner of The Most Succinct Answer Award is Konrad Baumeister for his stirring "Hell if I know!" response to questions 5, 7, 29, 35, 52 . . . !!

In case anyone is interested, I scored an 80. No, I didn't think you were!

1977HC

T9thC-1

Fall, 1908

GM: D. Bunke

.....ITA:KonradBaumeister--A Bul ret Ser.....

ENG:DaveMueth--F N.Af S F Tun; F Wes-Tyn; F Tun S F Wes-Tyn; F Lyo S F
Wes-Tyn; F Bel-Eng; F Hol H; F Nth H; A Bur S A Gas; A Gas S
A Bur; A St.F-Lvn; F Bot S A St.F-Lvn; A Nwy-St.F
GER:CliffMann--A Gal-Vie; A Boh S A Gal-Vie; A Mun S A Pie-Tyl; A Pie-Tyl;
A Mar H
ITA:KonradBaumeister--F Con-Ank; F Smy-Con; A Arm-Sev; A Ser-Bul; A Rum S
A Ser-Bul; A Vie S A Tyl-Boh; A Tyl-Boh(ret Tri, OTB); A Ven S
F Tus-Pie; F Tus-Pie; F Rom S F Tyn; F Ion S F Tyn; F Tyn H;
A Nap-Apu
RUS:JohnMachir--A Mos H; A War H
TUR:karlSchuetz--F Bul(ec)-Rum(ann); F Blk-Con

S.C. Count--

ENG:13centers:3Home, nwy, bel, st.p, bre, spa, por, par,
hol, swe, TUN.....Bld 1
GER: 5centers:3Home, den, mar.....Even
ITA:13centers:3Home, tri, gre, vie, ser, bul, bud, smy,
rum, sev, ~~ANK~~, ANK.....Even
RUS: 2centers: mos, war.....Even
TUR: 1center : con, ~~ANK~~.....Even (1 ann)

PRESS:

LONDON--The English Empire to is proud to be allies of Kaiser Cliff, even when our two countries had a short disagreement while he was off the throne for a short while. If Kaiser Cliff wants Russia to be a part of the draw then England goes along with it; after all, Orthodox Christianity is the only true religion!

BERLIN to ROME--Konrad, it is true that you never attacked me, but it is also true that you continued your attack on Turkey (Jerry Jones) after the three of us had reached an agreement. It is because of that agreement that I continue to try and stop the Italian Empire. As for England and a possible stab, I will tell you this: at the very beginning of this game I offered England a good, strong alliance with Dave to eventually win if he would accept it. So, to end this press, I look forward to playing against or with you in the future, because you are or will be some day one of the best Diplomacy players in the hobby.

Good luck, God speed, and fair trailing winds in all your games.

ROMA--I do not agree that Machir has played a good game. He has never written or called me once in this game...I don't even know what it's like to get something from John. Now let's face it, I was somewhat important to Russian policy. Yet, I never received a thing from him. All through the game he has relied on mediocre tactics, and has only survived because of the close friendship between Cliff and himself. For me to give a two-center power which has never done anything in this game to deserve commendation, the same end result as a 14- or 15-center Italy, or an England that has as least as many centers, both of whom have fought hard over the years, would be quite ridiculous, to say the least. I will not the end the game in such a way.

PLAYER'S NOTES:

The Anglo-Italian draw proposal has been suggested a second time. Please vote with your next set of orders. An 'NVR' counts as a 'Yes.'
John Machir is resigning all of his games. Would John Beamer (1044 Lake St., San Francisco, CA 94118) please play out the Russian position?
Thank you. (This also includes voting on the draw.)

Winter, 1908, & Spring, 1909 due 6/28/79

1977HK

T9thC-2

Winter & Spring, 1906-07

GM: D. Bunke

AUS:JohnMachir--Bld A BUD
ENG:PhilCrowther--Rem A Wal
GER:RalphMorton--Bld A BER
ITA:JosephMike--Bld A VEN; A Gas ret Spa
TUR:ConradStruckman--Rem F Aeg

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T9thC-2

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AUS:JohnMachir--A Bud H; A Sev-Arm; A Ukr-Sev; A Rum S A Bul; A Bul H;
A Tri H(ret Ser, Alb, OTB); A Vie H; F Gre S A Bul
 ENG:PhilCrowther--A Gas-Mar; F Eng-Bre; F Bar-Nwg; F Mid-Spa(nc); F Iri-Eng
 GER:RalphMorton--A Par S ENG F Eng-Bre; A Bur S ENG A Gas-Mar; F Bel-Eng;
F Hol-Bel; A War-Ukr; A Mos S A War-Ukr; A Lvn-War; A Mun-Tyl;
A Sil-Gal; A Ber-Sil
 ITA:JosephMike--A Ven-Tri; F Adr S A Ven-Tri; F Eas-Aeg; F Ion S F Eas-Aeg;
F Por-Mid; A Spa-Gas; A Mar S A Spa-Gas(ret Pie, OTB); F Bre S
F Por-Mid(ret Pic, OTB)
 RUS:JohnHendry--A Smy H
 TUR:ConradStruckman--A Ank S F Con; F Con S A Ank

PLAYER'S NOTES:

John Machir and Conrad Struckman are both resigning. Would Dale Kemper (3848 Tower Rd., Cinti., OH 45211) please assume the Austrian position? And would Ron Kelly (Apt. 314, 6038 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22303) please play out the Turkish position? Many thanks to you both.

Fall, 1907, due 6/28/79

1977kV

T9thC-3

Winter & Spring, 1904-05

GM: G. Staud

ENG:WilliamOsmanson--No bld! (Plays 1 short)
 GER:VincentLieu--Bld A MUN
 ITA:MikeDoelling--A Ser ret OTB; A Mar ret OTB
Bld A ROM
 TUR:JimMcManus--Bld F SMY

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 ENG:WilliamOsmanson--F Swe S GER F Den-Bal; F St.P(nc) H(ret Bar, Nwy, OTB);
F Eng C A Lon-Pic; A Lon-Pic; F Mid-Bre
 FRA:WayneCallahan--A Bre-Gas; A Par S A Bre-Gas; A Mar-Bur; F Tun-wes;
F Lyo-Spa(sc); F Spa-Mid
 GER:VincentLieu--A Bur S ITA A Pie-Mar(NSO); A Gas S ITA A Pie-Mar(NSO/ann);
F Den-Bal; A Sil-Fru; A Ber S A Sil-Fru; A Mun-Tyl
 ITA:MikeDoelling--F Nap S A Ven-Apu; A Rom S A Ven-Apu(ret Tus, OTB);
A Ven-Apu
 RUS:Petemanis--A Mos-St.P; F Lvn S A Mos-St.P; A Bud-Vie; F Rum H; A Pru S
A War; A War S A Pru; A Tri S TUR F Adr-Ven
 TUR:JimMcManus--A Ser-Alb; F Gre-Ion; F Adr-Ven; F Tyn S A Apu-Rom;
F Smy-Aeg; A Apu-Rom

PRESS:

PARIS to ANKARA--Take it?

PARIS--So this is what happens when it is discovered that you won two games!

Fall, 1905, due 6/28/79

1978AQ

T9thC-4

Fall, 1905

GM: K. Baumeister

GER:KarlSchuetz--A War ret Lvn; F Nth ret Hol
 ITA:BobFabry--F Ion ret Tun

AUS:JohnSokol--A Boh S TUR A War-Sil; A Vie S A Boh; A Tri-Ven
 ENG:BobKluge--F Nth-Nwy; F Ska S F Nth-Nwy; A Edi-Lpl
 FRA:LeeKendter,Sr--A Pie-Tyl; F Wes-Tun; A Lpl-Edi; F Wal-Lon; F Eng S F
Wal-Lon; A Bre-Gas
 GER:KarlSchuetz--A Lvn-War; A Pru S A Lvn-War; A Sil-Boh(ret Ber, OTB);
A Mun S A Sil-Boh; A Den H; A Swe S A Den; A Nwy H(ret Fin, OTB);
F St.P(sc) H; F Hol-Nth
 ITA:BobFabry--F Tun-Ion; A Ven-Rom; F Tyn S F Tun-Ion
 TUR:RayCifani--A War-Sil; A Ukr-War; A Gal S A Ukr-War; A Mos S A Ukr-War;
A Arm-Sev; A Bul-Apu; F Ion C A Bul-Apu; F Aeg C A Bul-Apu; ;
F Nap S F Ion; A Ser H

S.C. Count--

AUS: 4centers:3Home, VEN.....Bld 1
 ENG: 2centers: ~~Lon~~, edi, ~~st/p~~, NWY.....Rem 1
 FRA: 7centers:3Home, spa, por, lpl, LON.....Bld 1
 GER: 8centers:3Home, bel, hol, den, swe, ~~Nwy~~, ~~Wax~~, ST.F.....Rem 1
 ITA: 2centers: rom, ~~Lon~~, tun.....Rem 1
 TUR:11centers:3Home, bul, rum, gre, ser, sev, nap, mos, WAR.....Bld 1

PRESS:

ANKARA to BERLIN--Beware! The Bad Boys from the Balkan Badlands will Brutally Bounce your Butt from Berlin!

PLAYER'S NOTES:

There has been a proposal for a three-way draw, including Germany, France and Turkey. Please vote with your combined Winter '05 & Spring '06 orders. No vote received is a 'yes' vote. The vote must, of course, be unanimous to pass. (The GM would like to comment that a G-F-T draw is, unless something really unexpected comes along, the obvious outcome anyways, especially since it looks as if England and Italy will be eliminated in 1906.)

Winter & Spring, 1905-06 due 6/23/79

1978AR T9thC-5(N) Winter & Spring, 1904-05 GM: P. Noble

ENG:RossVandercook--Rem F Fin

GER:BobKluge--Bld A BER

RUS:LarryBoudon--Bld A MOS; F Swe ret Bot

.....TUR:MikeMcMillie--Bld F CON

ENG:RossVandercook--F Wal-Lpl; F Lon-Eng; F Swe-Nwy; F Ska-Nth

FRA:DarrellHouston--F Spa(sc)-Mid; F Mid-N.At; F Iri-Lpl; A Gas H; A Bel H; A Bur-Fic; A Tyl-Ven

GER:BobKluge--A Hol S A Mun-Ruh; A Mun-Ruh; A Kie S A Ber-Mun; A Ber-Mun; F Den H

ITA:ChrisBunke--A Ven S FRE A Tyl(NSO); F Tyn S F Ion; F Apu S F Ion; F Ion H

RUS:LarryBoudon--A St.F-Fin; F Bot S A St.F-Fin; A Mos-St.F; A Bud S A Vie; A Gal S A Vie; A Vie S TUR A Tri-Tyl(NSO); F Rum H

TUR:MikeMcMillie--F Con-Aeg; F Gre-Alb; F Aeg-Gre; F Eas S F Con-Aeg; A Alb-Ser; A Tri S RUS A Vie-Tyl(NSO); A Bul S F Aeg-Gre

PRESS:

ST. PETERSBURG--The outcry of the Swedish people against the near slavery imposed upon them with the return of the English has not fallen upon deaf ears! The Tsar has issued new war plans to take effect immediately. A full two Imperial armies plus the Russian Baltic fleet will launch a full-scale mounted offensive to crush the English and take all of Scandinavia, not only to reconquer but to punish and issue full defeat!

THE ISTAN-BUL SHEET (Headlines, p.1)--The Sultan today announced that a task force of Four Turkish Fleets (FTF) would sail for the warm waters of the Ionian. The FTF are being sent in order to prevent any hostile acts against our devoted friend, the Tsar of Russia/Hungary/Austria, by an impatient young King in Italy. In addition, the FTF have a destination of Tunis. Once there, they will liberate our religious brothers from the yoke of the Roman.

THE ISTAN-BUL SHEET (Editorial Page)--A recent report from the Turkish Information Team (TIT) suggests that the former Emperor of Austria is still alive and well and is living in the Swiss Alps. TIT bases this report on eye-witness accounts of numerous "reliable sources." TIT also suggests (based again on "informed spokesman") that the Emperor will try to regain his throne as a stand-by. Therefore, it is the position of this established newspaper that Russia and Turkey send forces to Switzerland to prevent any possible threat to our friend, the Tsar. We also urge any forces that may wish to interfere to evacuate the intended thrust.

T9thC-5(N)

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PLAYER'S NOTES:

Me own dear brother Chris has decided to resign from this game. Paul Szauter (205 Summit East #302, Seattle, WASH 98102) is hereby asked to assume the Italian position, such as it is!

Fall, 1905, due 6/28/79

1978CJ

T9thC-6

Fall, 1904

GM: F. Noble

.....AUS:VincentLieu--A Bud ret Ser.....

AUS:VincentLieu--A Ser-Tri(ann); F Alb-Adr; A Tyl S A Ser-Tri

ENG:CivilDisorder--F Nth H(ret OTB); F Lon H

FRA:DanMorris--F Lpl-Cly; F Pic-Eng; F Eng-Wal; A Mun-Kiel; A Bel-Hol;
A Bur-Ruh

GER:GenePaulson--F Hol-Nth; F Den S F Hol-Nth; F Bal S F Den; A Sil-War

ITA:CraigYost--A Vie S A Tri; A Tri S A Vie; F Adr S F Ion; F Ion H

RUS:ConradStruckman--F Blk-Bul(ec); A Rum-Ser; A Sev-Arm; A Gal-War;

A Bud S A Rum-Ser; F Ska S A Nwy-Swe; A Nwy-Swe

TUR:CliffMann--A Gre S F Aeg-Bul(sc); A Bul-Ser; F Aeg-Bul(sc); A Ank H;
F Eas-Ion

S.C. Count--

AUS: 1center : ~~Wie~~, ~~Wid~~, ~~Set~~, ven.....Rem 1 (2 ann)
ENG: 2centers: lon, edi.....Bld 1 (imp:CD)
FRA:10centers:3Home, spa, por, mun, bel, lpl, HOL, KIE....Bld 4 (was 2
short: no room,
Bld 3)
GER: 2centers: ber, ~~Kie~~, ~~Kol~~, den.....Rem 2
ITA: 5centers: rom, nap, tun, tri, VIE.....Bld 1
RUS: 9centers:4Home, rum, swe, nwy, BUD, SER.....Bld 2
TUR: 5centers:3Home, bul, gre.....Even

PLAYER'S NOTES:

Conrad Struckman is resigning. Would Peter Manis (10718 Lakespring way, Cockeysville, MD 21030) please assume the Russian position? Thanks.

Winter & Spring, 1904-05, due 6/28/79

1978FB

T9thC-7

Winter & Spring, 1903-04

GM: G. Staud

FRA:JohnMachir--Rem A Ruh; A Spa ret For

GER:PaulSzauter--Rem F Hel

ITA:JohnAicken--Bld F NAP

RUS:MitchellBailes(?)--NBR! (Plays 1 short)

TUR:MikeDoelling--Bld F ANK

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AUS:JohnHendry--A Tri-Bud; A Vie-Gal; A Ukr S A Vie-Gal; A Ser-Bul; A Rum
S A Ser-Bul; F Gre S A Ser-Bul

ENG:DavidJoy--F Eng C A Nwy-Pic; F Nth C A Nwy-Pic; F Bre S A Nwy-Pic;

A Nwy-Pic; F Nwg-Nwy; F Swe-Bal; F Den-Kie

FRA:JohnMachir--F Bel H; A Mar H(ret Gas, OTB); A Bur S A Mar; A For-Spa

GER:PaulSzauter--A Kie S A Hol; A Hol S A Kie; A Mun S A Kie

ITA:JohnAicken--F Mid-For; A Spa-Mar; F Lyo S A Spa-Mar; A Pie S A Spa-Mar;
F Nap-Ion

RUS:MitchellBailes(?)--NMR! F Ber H; A Gal H(ret War, Sil, Boh, OTB);

A Mos H; F Sev H

TUR:MikeDoelling--F Bul H; A Con S F Bul; F Aeg S F Bul; F Ank H

PRESS:

MUNICH--The Kaiser regrets the scrapping of Germany's last tourist liner, the only remnant of our once-proud navy.

ANKARA--Mitch, who told you I was going to Rumania? Sure wish I would have.

PLAYER'S NOTES:

John Machir is resigning. Would Wayne Callahan please assume the French position? And would David Mueth (4718 Tenth Ave., N., Lake Worth FL 33463) please stand-by for Russia? Thanks to you both. (Wayne's address,

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by the way, is 1009 E. Dominick St., Up-West, Rome, New York 13440.)

Fall, 1904, due 6/28/79

1978HG

T9thC-8(N)

Spring, 1902

GM: D. Bunke

AUS:RossVandercook--A Vie H(ret Boh, OTB); A Ser S F Gre; F Gre H(ann)
 ENG:LarryBoudon--F Nwg S F Nth; F Nth S F Eng; F Eng S F Nth
 FRA:TomSlaughter,Jr.(?)--NMR! F Mid H; F Bre H; A Gas H; A Par H
 GER:GeraldMcDaniel--F Ska-Nth; F Den S F Ska-Nth; A Hol S A Bel; A Mun-Bur;
 A Mar S A Mun-Bur; A Kie-Mun; A Bel S A Mun-Bur
 ITA:DaveRohde--A Tun-Alb; F Ion C A Tun-Alb; A Tyl-Vie; A Tri S A Tyl-Vie;
 F Adr S A Tri
 RUS:PaulSzauder--A Sev-Arm; F Blk S A Sev-Arm; A Bud-Ser; A Rum S A Bud-Ser;
 A Gal-Bud; A War-Gal; F Nwy S GER F Ska-Nth; F St.P(nc)-Bar
 TUR:RichardCarl--A Bul-Gre; A Con-Bul; F Ank H; F Aeg S A Bul-Gre

PRESS:

LONDON--The new government of England (assuming power under the abdication of King George) under King Lawrence I wishes to make peace with our old enemies and would like to open negotiations with all the Great Powers of Europe. All previous agreements are now void and all grudges are dropped. Please open diplomatic relations, the King listens to all.

BUDAPEST--The Czar's diplomatic mission found the reception in Budapest so chilly that it was forced to move south

SEVASTOPOL to ANKARA--If you N.U.T.S. find the water to your liking, perhaps you'll enjoy having your heads held under it.

PLAYER'S NOTES:

I'm a little tired of this, Tom. Dave Knepper (7218 Boellner Dr., Hazelwood, MO 63042) is asked to assume the French position. Thanks, Dave.

Fall, 1902, due 6/28/79

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Winter, 1902

GM: D. Bunke

AUS:DarrellHouston--(A Ser ret OTB; A Vie ret Tri) Has A Tri; Rem F Adr
 ENG:ConradStruckman--(A Nwy ret OTB) Has f bre, f iri, f eng; Rem F Nwg
 FRA:BobKluge--Has a bre, a gas, a pic, f por; Bld F MAR
 GER:PhilCooper--Has f nth, f den, a bel, a mun, a hol; Bld A KIE
 ITA:TomFagedes--Has a ser, a tyl, f ven, f ion; Bld F NAP
 RUS:UliBaumeister--(F Sev ret Arm) Has f arm, a vie, a bud, a nwy, f swe;
 Bld A WAR, A MOS
 TUR:JohnMachir--Has f gre, f sev, a rum, a bul, f con; Bld F SMY, A ANK

PRESS:

LONDON to MOSCOW--With all due respect, I bow out. I have always been aware of your potential power, but the world has yet to learn. Good luck (after all, we Germans have to stick together).

MOSCOW to ANKARA--Sorry about the insult. I didn't mean it to come out that way. As for annihilating yourself, you don't have to. Darrell's doing it for you.

MURMANSK NEWS AGENCY--A new talk show discussing the English military situation has been aired on the BBC. It's called "Where's My Line?"

TURKEY to RUSSIA--Uli, it is people like you who take all the fun out of this game and make it a pain in the ass rather than a pleasant pastime. That goes for you too Mark Berch and Curt Gibson--whatever you are. May all your stabs fail, you lizards of the world.

PLAYER'S NOTES:

Conrad Struckman and John Machir are resigning. Would Cliff Mann (AE-2, Attack Squad 128, NAS Whibey Island, Oak Harbor, WASH 98277) please assume the English position, and William Osmandson (1015 Union St., Morris, ILL 60450) please take the Turkish? Thanks, gents.

Spring, 1903, due 6/28/79

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T9thC-10

Spring, 1902

GM: K. Baumeister

AUS:GenePaulson--A Ser-Tri; A Bud S A Ser-Tri(ret Ser, OTB); F Gre-Alb;
 A Vie S A Ser-Tri(ret Boh, Gal, OTB)
 ENG:CliffMann--A Lon-Hol; F Nth C A Lon-Hol; F Edi-Nwg; F Nwy S RUS F Swe;
 A Bel S A Lon-Hol
 FRA:PaulSzauter--A Bur-Ruh; A Spa-Mar; F Por-Spa(sc); F Mar-Lyo; A Par-Bur
 GER:GerardVanAlkemade--A Hol-Ruh; A Mun S A Hol-Ruh; A Ber-Kie; F Bal-Swe;
 A Den S F Bal-Swe
 ITA:GregSteward--A Tri-Vie; A Ven-Pie; A Tyl S A Tri-Vie; F Nap-Ion;
 F Tun-wes
 RUS:WilliamDoelling--A Gal-Bud; F Blk H; A War H; A Mos-Lvn; F Swe H;
 TUR:DavidJoy--A Rum S RUS A Gal-Bud; A Bul-Gre; F Con-Aeg; F Ank-Con;
 F Smy-Eas

PRESS:

10 DOWNING STREET--The Ministers today left the King and openly made public the following treaties: 1. The Mutual Aid & Defense Pact between Russia & England; 2. The Channel Mutual Aid Pact & Alliance between France & England; and last, 3. An Information Pact between Turkey, Germany & England.

It is because of the above-mentioned Facts that we sadly declare war on Germany, who is in the process of open war with Russia, and we also issue a strong warning to Turkey. We hope that Germany will realize that her actions made necessary the mobilization of English forces in defense of Russia.

10 DOWNING STREET to THE SULTAN (While on an inspection tour of his harem) --We greatly enjoyed seeing you at the last meeting and believed everything that was said, but we are greatly upset to see what you have done in Rumania.

But we will discuss that at a later date. Also, last but not least, the ship you sent which was carrying that smooth smoke from the south-farthing of the shire is all but gone. Please send more in your next dispatch.

To ROME from LONDON--I have written you twice, and both times you refused to even drop me a postcard that you had received something. I know that right now you feel safe and aren't concerned with (me) England and what is done in the north. But this I say to you: You know not what might have come about as our two countries, if (and I say that word religiously) we had made some sort of alliance. But now I wish you nothing but the insulation you crave. God speed; Good luck and a very short game to you.

PARIS to ROME--The shipment of pastries you ordered should arrive soon.

PLAYER'S NOTES:

Mr. Doelling's name is William...his brother's name is Michael. Sorry to Bill for this error last time; see, in my zine Mike plays, and I just assumed as a matter of course that this was Mike playing again.

Fall, 1902, due 6/23/79

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T9thC-11

Winter, 1900

GM: D. Kemper

AUS: Larry Cozzi, Route 1, Box 81, Solon Springs, Wisconsin 54873.
 ENG: Mike McGranaghan, 3564 Chalfont Dr., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19154.
 FRA: Ken Peterson, 4503 B. Ruston Pl., Waldorf, Maryland 20601.
 GER: Steve McLendon, Box 57066, Webster, Texas 11598.
 ITA: Ron Kelly, Apt. 314, 6038 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, Virginia 22303.
 RUS: Ted Greiner, 208 Lamp Post Ln., Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011.
 TUR: Bob Sergeant, 3242 Lupine Dr., Indianapolis, Indiana 46224.

PLAYER'S NOTES:

Please note that your gamemaster is Dale Kemper. His address can be found on page 2. I had an offer from someone to write a commentary for this came. I am going to decline, however. I don't like running commentary a season behind the action in the game, and if I were to run commentary on a game I'd rather it be an officially sanctioned 9th Circle Demo

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Game. Thanks anyway, and I'll keep the idea of game commentary in mind for the future.

Steve McLendon and Ken Peterson still owe game fee and deposit (\$5.00) for this game. Please have it in by next issue. Thanks.

Spring, 1901, due 6/28/79

T9thC-K1 (Kingmaker)

Turn 11

Gm: D. Bunke

AUDLEY, Earl of Essex, Archbishop of York, Sheriff of Shrewsbury, Marshall of a Co. of Scots & Saxons moves to Tutbury
 BEDFORD, Duke of Somerset, Captain of Calais moves to and dies at the Battle of Taunton
 BERKELEY, Earl of Westmorland, Bishop of Lincoln, Captain of Le Michael, Sheriff of Leicester & Ipswich dies at the Battle of Taunton
 BOURCHIER, Earl of Kent, moves to Taunton
 CLIFFORD, Bishop of Durham, moves to Taunton
 COURTENAY, Earl of Devon, Chamberlain of the County Palatine of Chester, Captain of Le Lucas, Sheriff of Lancaster, Marshall of a Co. of Flemish Crossbowmen moves to Tutbury
 CROMWELL moves to Taunton
 FITZALAN, Earl of Arundel, Lt. of Ireland, moves to Taunton
 GREY, Earl of Wiltshire, Admiral of England, Sheriff of Carisbrooke & Northampton, moves to Dover
 GREYSTOKE, Earl of Richmond, Treasurer of England, Sheriff of Nottingham & Newcastle, moves to Taunton
 HASTINGS moves to Taunton
 HERBERT, Earl of Salisbury, moves to Dover
 HOLLAND, Bishop of Norwich, moves to Compton
 HOWARD, Duke of Exeter, moves to Taunton
 MOWBRAY, Duke of Norfolk, Chancellor of the Duchy of Cornwall, camps outside Leicester
 NEVILLE, Earl of Warwick, moves to the continent
 PERCY, Earl of Northumberland, moves to Preston
 PLANTAGENET, Duke of Lancaster, moves to Tutbury
 PLANTAGENET, Duke of York, moves to Taunton
 POLE, Duke of Suffolk, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Sheriff of Coventry, holds in Wingfield
 ROOS, Bishop of Carlisle, moves to Taunton
 SCROPE, Earl of Worcester, Warden of the Northern Marches, Sheriff of York, is on board Le Margaret at sea
 STAFFORD, Duke of Buckingham, Constable of Dover Castle, Archbishop of Canterbury, Marshall of a Co. of Brugundian Crossbowmen & Saxons, Captain of Le Nicholas, moves to Taunton
 STANLEY dies at Taunton
 TALBOT, Earl of Shrewsbury, Warden of the Cinque Ports, dies at Taunton
 HENRY, King of England, is with Lord Plantagenet of Lancaster in Tutbury
 MARGARET, Queen of England, has been executed by Lord Berkeley
 RICHARD, Duke of York, is with Lord Neville on the continent
 EDWARD, Earl of March, is with Lord Fitzalan at Taunton

Le Christopher of Southampton moves to Dover
 Le Margaret of Lynn moves to sea square containing letter 'E'
 Le George of Rye holds in Dartmouth
 Le Trinity of Rye holds in Dartmouth
 Le Lucas of Whitby moves to sea square containing word 'Cornwall'
 Le Michael of Bristol holds in Dartmouth
 Le Nicholas of the Tower moves to the continent
 Le Rose of Plymouth & Le Swan of Berwick are ownerless and hold

TURN 12 CONTINGENCIES: Plague strikes York and Kingston. The Windsor alliance dissolves as Stafford is called to Leeds, Bouchier of Kent to Rochester, and Fitzalan to Arundel. Ships must take refuge (Le Lucas must start from Renzance, while Le Margaret has its choice of Colchester, Ipswich, or Maldon.)

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PRESS:

TAUNTON--His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury administered last rites to Lord Berkeley and his party before sentencing the deposed faction in the following terms:

"Seditious slime, all the good people of the realm, by common assent and through the offices of his majesty's royal council of the lords at Windsor do award that you are found disloyal to his majesty the King, and therefore you shall be hanged; and for that you are known to have forced your seedy attentions on the queen, you shall be drawn and quartered; and for that you are known to have objectionable personal habits, your traitorous remains shall be sold for fishbait."

Following the executions (which were attended by capacity crowds), the commander of the victorious alliance observed, "There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune; omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries. On such a full sea are we now afloat--and we must take the current when it serves, or lose our ventures."

TAUNTON (AF)--The ghost of Beaufort, Duke of Somerset, cried out for justice today on the fields outside this seedy town where the Lords of Windsor attacked Lord Berkeley's Woodstock faction. Where was the craven coward Courtenay, everyone asked, as England's finest fought and died to protect his privileged interests in the onslaught against Woodstock? Peasants from the vicinity of Bath reported a fushia sedan chair borne upon the shoulders of large eunuch bunnies moving north to join the party of England's first truly lunatic king. Honor was trodden in the dust and the West's credibility was today's first casualty.

TUANTON (Again)--Aye, lads, behold the clash of combat's clatter frights once again the pastoral rodent of Wales...where is he when we need him? Feasting on Hastings venison and weathering Northumberland winds.

PLAYER'S NOTES:

The epic Battle of Taunton, fought this past turn, pitted the powerful Lords of Windsor (550) against the somewhat weaker Lords of Woodstock (180). The latter faction was overwhelmed as the fields of Somerset became drenched in the blood of Somerset's own Duke, the Lord Beaufort. Lord Talbot was also listed among the battle's casualties. Immediately following the battle, captured Lords Berkeley and Stanley were summarily executed. The forces of Windsor were not in time, however, to save Queen Margaret, who was executed long before the battle had begun.

The Earldom of Westmorland, the Bishopric of Lincoln, Captain of Calais, and Warden of the Cinque Ports have been placed in Chancery. Other cards (not counting possible allocations made by loyalty roll) have been returned to the Crown rack.

Another battle at Preston between Lord Percy (130) and the King's Guard (120) was delayed due to rotten weather.

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T9thC-K2 (Kingmaker)

Turn 11

GM: G. Staud

BEAUFORT, Duke of Somerset, holds in the square west of Towton
BERKELEY, Earl of Salisbury, Chancellor of England, moves to Bath
BOURCHIER holds in York
CLIFFORD holds in York
COURTENAY, Earl of Devon, Captain of Le Michael, moves to Bristol
FITZALAN, Earl of Arundel, Chancellor of the Duchy of Cornwall, Marshall of a Co. of Flemishmen, moves to Bath
GREY, Marshall of a Co. of Scots & Flemishmen, holds in Bristol
HASTINGS, Captain of Le Swan, holds in Weymouth
HOLLAND, Bishop of Norwich, moves to Weymouth
HOWARD holds in York
MOWBRAY, Duke of Norfolk, Admiral of England, Sheriff of Bristol & Ipswich, Marshall of a Co. of Saxons, moves to Bristol
NEVILLE, Earl of Warwick, holds in the square west of Towton
PERCY, Earl of Northumberland, Captain of Le Lucas, holds in the square two squares south of Denbigh
PLANTAGENET, Duke of York, holds in York

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PLANTAGENET, Duke of Lancaster, Constable of the Tower, Captain of Le
Nicholas, moves to Bristol
POLE, Duke of Suffolk, moves to Bristol
ROOS holds in York
SCROPE holds in square west of Towton
STANLEY holds in Milford's Haven
TALBOT, Earl of Shrewsbury, Constable of Dover Castle, moves to Bath
HENRY, King of England, is with Lord Mowbray in Bristol
EDWARD, Prince of Wales, is with Lord Plantagenet in Bristol
EDWARD, Earl of March, is with Lord Fitzalan in Bath

Le Christopher & Le Margaret move to Bristol with Mowbray & Henry aboard
Le Michael moves to Bristol with Plantagenet & Edward of Wales
Le Swan moves to Weymouth
Le Lucas holds in Cardiff
All other ships are in their respective ports of beginning

TURN 12 CONTINGENCIES: Plague hits Lincoln and Newark. A scots raid calls
Percy to Alnwick.

Turn 12 moves due 6/28/79

T9thC-EG1(En Garde!)

Spring, 1602

GM: E. Paulson

CHARACTER	SL	STR	CON	END	MA	RANK & REG.	MIS	CLUB	DUEL EXP.
P.Biscarat	6	10	7	70	8	Maj. 27th		Fr&P	11 1/2 R
H.Charbeau	3	11	11	121	3	Sub. RM		R.P.	7 C
F.DeCosta	20	8	12	96	4	Col. RFG	15	Both	18 R
de Gutturisnipe	4	9	6	54	10	brig. front		R.P.	11 2H
de Vries	7	14	12	168	5	Maj. Pic.	7	B.G.	27 R
I.Durak	9	11	17	187	2	Lt.Col. QOC		H.G.	15 S
E.Orzy	12	7	11	77	7	Col. CG		Both	15 S
Gilbert	13	11	14	154	1	Lt.Col. RFG		Both	15 2H
Grenouillette	16	9	14	126	1	Maj. KM	13	Both	15 R
C.L'Etat	9	13	13	169	3	Maj. CPC		Hunt	13 S
A.Montfaucon	12	12	13	128	8	Col. GDMD	4	Hunt	16 3/4 2H
A.Squifveau	4	9	8	72	4			R.P.	9 R
F.Storm	11	15	12	180	7	Maj. DG		Hunt	7 S
(NEW)									
F.Cooper	3	12	11	132	3				14
C.Groppe III	4	12	8	96	5				12

TITLES:

Knight: Sir Ess Orzy, Sir Frederick Storm
Count: Lord DeCosta, Lord Grenouillette

MILITARY & GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS:

Minsiter of State = Count DeCosta
Minister w/o Portfolio = Count Grenouillette
Commissioner of Public Safety = Colonel Montfaucon
1st Army Adjutant = Colonel DeCosta
Heavy Brigade Major = Major L'Etat
Picardy Muskateer Reg. Adjutant = Major de Vries (resigned)

THE PLAYERS	MENTIONED	FUNDS	FAVORS
John Beamer	10-2-2-2		
Bob Gallagher	38-5-4-4		
Jim Schnieders	28-2-2-2		
Steve Blohm	43-8-8-4		
Paul Szauter			
Mark Matuschak	12-6-1-1		
M.J. Mishcon	51-14-10-5		
Joseph Mike	41-3-3-3		
Dan Morris			
Peter Sleight	33-3-3-3		
Mike DeMeis	2-2-2-2		

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<u>THE PLAYERS</u>	<u>MENTIONED</u>	<u>SHARES</u>	<u>LOANS & DUE DATE</u>
Tom Veal	2-2-2-2		
Don Kapp	24-8-8-3		
Carl Groppe III			
Phil Cooper			

PLAYER'S NOTES:

Once again we must take up the issue of the extra mailing for this game. It's going to cause even more of a bureaucratic mess around here, but I think the only way to work it is that everyone who sends in their money to pay for the postage of the extra mailing will receive it. Those who do not send in the money will have to play the game by the info they can glean from what is reported above (which may be quite possible, I don't know).

Now, as for the charge, we get the photo-copy work done at a reduced rate (namely free!), so the only thing to defray is the cost of postage for the actual mailing of the material. Since Gene's very active imagination (and lists of rule's changes) have kept the packets between 7 & 10 pages in length, the postage has been 28¢ per issue. Therefore, to subscribe to Over The Bar, The Ninth Circle's new sub-zine, it will cost \$2.80 for 10 issues. This, of course, also includes the three pages of weekly events.

The next thing is that to help me keep the records here in Cinti. I would like you, Gene, to begin numbering your issues of Over The Bar. There are four issues per game year, so our current number would be Vol. II, No. 1; Issue 5; Spring, 1602. (The Vol. II comes from the year of play.) Next issue would be Vol. II, No. 2; Issue 6; Summer, 1602, and so on. The current issue of Over The Bar will be sent to everyone at our expense; next issue it's up to you whether you want it or not.

Lastly, I'd like to congratulate Gene for the magnificent work he is doing with this game. I know how much work this monster can be, and he has handled it in a timely and accurate manner and I admire his dedication to it. Keep up the good work, Gene!!

Ah, by the way, the Summer Campaign order is June 71, July 75, Aug. 75.

Summer, 1602, due 6/23/79

T9thC-SC1(Stellar Conquest)

Turn 19

GM: P. Noble

"Alien Presences Reported At . . ."

- (1) The Iduve--0405, 0607, 0808, 1102, 1412.
- (2) Armadillo Exploratory Combine--1305, 1504, 1611, 0814, 1806, 2103, 2205, 2509, 2805, 3110.
- (3) The Seven Clans of Omnium--1614, 1711, 1719, 1818, 2412, 2614, 1712.
- (4) United Starfaring Sentients--0212, 0613, 1119, 1214, 1317.

PRESS:

U.S.S.--The U.S.S. will not contest A.E.C. settlement at Draconis 3: TR-80 and announces formal declaration of hostilities with the leprous Bland's of Effluvium. Armored mammal life forms of the Northeast: The galaxy's treasure awaits you at Capella 5: TR-60. Sentient beings of Bootis call upon you to assist in the eradication of Seven Clans.

Turn 20 due 6/23/79

T9thC-SC2(Stellar Conquest)

Turn 12

GM: P. Noble

"Alien Presences Reported At . . ."

- (1) Estron Explorers--0410, 0603, 1309, 1501, 1611, 1703.
- (2) The Orionid Federation--1806, 2108, 2111, 2509.
- (3) Dragon Lords of Melnibone--2115, 2118, 2712.
- (4) The Acons--0613, 1214, 1317, 1515, 1913.

PRESS:

THE ACONS--The Hive Masters have detected a curious emission emanating from the vicinity of Canis. It has been generally interpreted as the death throes of some unfortunate creature.

Turn 13 due 6/23/79

T9thC-SC3(Stellar Conquest)

Turn 10

GM: F. Noble

"Alien Presences Reported At . . ."

- (1) Empire of the Arachnid--0405, 0607, 0808, 1614, 1806.
- (2) The Boon-Phards of Yxyltpx--1703, 2103, 2108, 2406, 2509, 3110.
- (3) K'cunac--1620, 1818, 1913, 2108, 2110, 2111, 2115, 2412, 2514.
- (4) Universal Stellar Enterprises--0410, 0507, 0613, 1011, 1119, 1305, 1317, 1614, 1809.

PRESS:

THE BOON-PHARDS--All hail the revolution, the Pepsi-Cola Homainly, and all that other jazz! The consolidation of Boon-Phardian power continues according to schedule. As an example of our forethought and concern for the future, a new Five-Century Plan for Industrial Growth & Development has been submitted to the Revolutionary Council; approval is expected in the next few minutes.

Meanwhile, back on Cum it is reported that the Pepsi-Cola Homainly has had a violent argument with his close friend and advisor, the Pepsi-Cola Rudolpho Bingo. The fight supposedly stemmed from the recent demonstrations over the religious ruling that women must wear their traditional bed sheet at all times, and most especially in public. It is rumored that in a moment of extreme anger the Pepsi-Cola Bingo shouted to his Holiness Homainly, "You wear a bed sheet all day out in sub-zero weather, you old fart, and see how you like it!"

On the diplomatic front, Prime Minister Readi Pop-gun has issued a general communique to all other inhabitants of this area of the galaxy calling for peaceful co-existence between the Revolutionary Government and all its neighbors. "We wish for nothing but peace," he said in a recent interview. "And we hope that others will respect our desire to attain this goal." Pop-gun also pointed out that many Empire documents have gone up in smoke, and that negotiations over possible border disputes should be opened at once. "We have no idea how the Empire stood with its neighbors," he added, "so we must begin from scratch to rebuild our diplomatic structure of alliances, treaties, boundaries, etc. It is hoped that the Arachnid Empire & K'cunac will both respond in a favorable manner."

K'CUNAC--Alas, it is as we feared, the Pepsi-Cola Homainly is no deposit, no return.

Turn 11 (& Prod. Turn 10) due 6/23/79

T9thC-SC4(Stellar Conquest)

Turn 8

GM: J. Schnieders

"Alien Presences Reported At . . ."

- (1) Mnuhas--1703, 0410, 0907.
- (2) ??? --2407, 1806, 1909, 2208, 2908, 2005, 2210, 2509, 2607.
- (3) Pan-Sentient Federation--1519, 3110, 2412, 2815, 2712, 1915, 2519.
- (4) The Immortal Valkars of etc.--0613, 1306, 0710, 1317, 1611.

PRESS:

MNUHAS--To all civilized peoples of the galaxy (which definitionally excludes "etc."); We the Mnuhas wish to express our pleasure in finding other intelligent life forms (sorry "etc."). We hereby lay claim to the area bounded by Zosca, Hydrae, Lupi, Almach, Spica, and Tauri. It is our hope to settle territorial claims prior to bloodshed. Let us know of your decisions. We're waiting "etc.".

???--Yea verily, thou must be highest on galactic smoke, oh Grand Emissionaries of the Holy Scurvy! Nay, nay, we say to thine threats to the Mnuhas. For indeed, they cleansing flames have scorched thy brains.

THE IMMORTAL VALKARS OF THE HOLY SCOURGE--Hail to thee, oh Federation, for the Scourge hath heard and accepted thine offer of friendship & peace. Let there exist between thy sentients and the Immortal Valkars a bond of comradery and respect. Damnation be to thine that wouldst wage war and strife, peace to thee thatst offer friendship and goodwill. Praise be the Scourge!!!!

Turn 9 (& Prod. Turn 8) due 6/23/79

(1) Kaabal--0905, 1206, 1102, 0410
(2) A German Mug--2407, 2503, 2908, 2406, 3010, 2707.
(3) Sandow Exploration & Development Group--2514, 2712, 2218, 2219, 2617.
(4) The British Empire--(No ship concentrations listed--dx.3)

GM: D. Bunke

GM: F. Noble

This, like our first such game, has also ended. However, in this case we can cheer a different victor. In the last half of turn ten, a very large group of Fellowship characters sneaked into Mordor and made their way

toward Mount Doom. Their progress was made easy by the fact that the Dark Lord (that's me!--DJB) had failed to post the ring of guards around his dread forge. There was, however, a group of five Nazgul, including Gothmog and the Lord of the Nazgul, waiting for the intrepid Rivendell Fellowship atop Orodruin. Thus the stage was set.

The epic contest which followed pitted Gandalf and several others against nearly all of Sauron's remaining Ringwraiths. The first couple Nazgul quickly bit the dust, but wounded Gandalf seriously enough to cause his death shortly thereafter. Then, in quick order, others of the Fellowship stepped up and were dispatched one after another. Finally, all that remained was the awful Lord of the Nazgul and little Frodo. It was, of course, no contest. Frodo was dead in a few moments. The Witch-king of Angmar snatched up the One Ring and hurried off to Barad-dur. The world convulsed, and the West fell.

Thanks to Mike and William and Dave for quite an eventful game!

Player comments welcome

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The Crusades--T9thC-Cr1: 4 signed; 3 spots left. (GM: Mike DeMeis)

En Garde!--T9thC-EG1: Openings always available. Now that a subscription to Over The Bar is advised, I'll have to rework the cost structure for this game--it's getting too expensive! It'll still be \$1.00 per character, and maybe a straight game-fee of two or three dollars. Any ideas, Gene?

- 4) We on the staff of The Ninth Circle would like to congratulate Jim Schnieders and Sharon Laake, who are now Mr. & Mrs. James Schnieders. This is our first official staff wedding, and we would like to take the opportunity to wish Jim & Sharon all the best for the future. I only have one question: Where the hell is my postcard from Hawaii, Jim?!!
- 5) As I sit here typing on Wednesday, May 23rd, 1979--now over a month since our last deadline--I still have no results from either Machiavelli #2 or A Mighty Fortress. The magazine must go to the printer's this afternoon, so these two games will have to be handled separately by Paul & Gary. This has also left me in a bit of a quandry on how to fill the next two-and-a-half pages! Hopefully I'll be able to think of something, otherwise page 19 is going to have an awful blank look on its face.
- 6) Third Reich must be held up somewhere along the line. I have received no word from Mark, although I know Joseph Mike has volunteered to take up the Italian position. I do know that Mark is heading for Russia to study at Leningrad U., so it looks as if T9thC-TR1 won't appear in these pages for the next several months. We wish Mark all the best as he takes up the guantlet of a filthy capitalist war-mongering imperialist in Marx's communist 'paradise!' Good luck, Mark, and safe journey!
- 7) This issue we have two of our prominent gamers electing to go into diplomatic retirement. They are John Machir and Conrad Struckman. Because of this I have had to make heavy use of our stand-by list. If you know you are on the list, please check through the magazine to see if you have been called up to serve (in other words, drafted!). A couple of the positions are pretty bad, and I wouldn't normally call up stand-bys for them, but for continuity's sake I ask those who have drawn these spots (particularly Russia in T9thC-1 & Turkey in T9thC-2) to play them out in the spirit of the game. I thank both John and Conrad for playing in The Ninth Circle, and if either of you ever come out of retirement remember us!
- 8) From June 14th through the 28th yours truly will be down in Florida basking in the sun and salt water. If any of you want to get in touch with me you can write to David Bunke, Embassy Towers II, 2715 N. Ocean Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308. Phone #: 305-565-0753. Please do NOT send orders for games to me in Florida--send them to my regular home address, or, if you are calling them in by phone, you had best give them to Paul, Gary, Jim or Dale. Thanks!

- 9) It is time once again for John Leeder's North American Zine and GM Poll. Basically, all one has to do is rate each North American zine you get on a scale of 0 to 10--10 being the highest quality, and 0 being a real clunker. This is an overall rating; there are no categories or divisions to worry about.

In addition, rate each GM whose games you are currently in (or have been in) on the same scale. Once again, you may use any standards or criteria you wish. It is an overall rating.

John has asked that everyone sign their votes to avoid duplicates, and also indicate in what respect you are a part of this hobby (i.e., player, gamemaster, publisher, etc.). Please do not vote for magazines published in Europe, South America or Newport, Kentucky as they do not rank as part of North America. And vote for GMS by name rather than zine.

Send your ballots to John Leeder, 2202 Broadview Rd., NW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2M 3B6. Last year there were only 56 responses, and I know we can do better than that. So vote and send it in!

- 10) Need A Game? (As reprinted from Lee Kendter's zine, Why Me?)

The magazines listed below all have openings in regular Diplomacy. If you are interested, I would suggest you first send for a sample (include a stamp), and then decide on which you prefer.

Claw & Fang: Don Horton, 16 Jordan Ct., Sacramento, CA 95826.
Sub 12/\$5.00. Gamefee \$3.00.

St. George & the Dragon: Robert Sergeant 3242 Lupine Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46224. Sub 10/\$2.50. Gamefee \$1.00.

The Dragon and the Lamb: Steve McLendon, Box 57066, Webster, TX 77598. Sub 10/\$4.00. Gamefee \$1.50.

Ruritania: Tony Watson, 201 Minnesota St., Las Vegas, NV 89107.
Subs 5/\$1.50. Gamefee \$1.00.

Revenge: Dan Morris, 2591 University Blvd., Univ. Hts., OH 44118.
Sub 10/\$4.00. Gamefee \$1.00

Le Cameleon 'a Bionculaire: Pierre LaBreche, Jr., 7000 Av Lamont #1, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H4E 2T9. Fees not provided. (FRENCH SPEAKING)

The Beholder: John Kelley, Box 35, Klickitat, WA 98628.
Sub 25¢ per issue. Gamefee \$2.00

Toronto Telegram: Bill LaFosse, 2 Swift Dr. #304, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4A 2A2. Sub 10/\$4.00. Gamefee \$2.00.

(What follows are two game reviews by our Sci-Fi Games Editor, Paul Noble.)

Stellar Force

This game is a combination of Stellar Conquest and Star Force, two of the finest games in the field of science fiction. The game is played on the Star Force map, and all of the Star Force rules for movement are applied. The population and production procedures are basically the same as those in Stellar Conquest with a few minor changes.

The Technical Sequence is changed from the Stellar Conquest rules only minutely, however the Weapons System Sequence is changed drastically. First off, there is only one type of ship available for purchase, and that is the tele-ship, as used in regular Star Force. Star Gates are also used in this variation along with a doomsday weapon which allows a player to destroy his entire star system and all ships therein.

One thing I am seriously thinking about incorporating into this game is an open-ended method of determining ship strength. By using this method a player can make a vessel any size he wishes, depending solely on how much he is willing to spend. An example of this would be Player A spends 15 IUs to build a tele-ship, therefore its attack strength is 15. As you can see, this allows for immense diversity in individual fleets (see Galactic Conquest, below.).

The set-up for this game is determined as follows: Each player is given a specific hex and level, since this is actually a 3-D mapboard, in which to

start. This is determined by using the randomizer chits supplied with the Star Force game; therefore, no one knows where the other players begin and vice-versa. All movement is completely hidden. However, each player is given a scan of all hexes within two spaces of all of his ships.

There is diplomacy in this game, but no player may contact another player until after they have discovered each other. At that time I would give them each the name and address of the other. There would be press allowed since this can be attributed to stray communications beamed out into space, and it is perfectly acceptable for a player to reveal his position through the use of the press release.

The game is a six player version and will be based on the victory conditions as outlined in Stellar Conquest. I'm still attempting to work out all the bugs and determine a time length, but I would like to know if anyone would be interested in playing and if anyone has any additional ideas, they would like to add. Your comments will be welcomed and appreciated.

Galactic Conquest

Galactic Conquest is a game of space exploration, colonization, and interstellar warfare. It is very similar to Stellar Conquest, though it is played on a much larger scale.

The mapboard is made from graph paper, and the composition of the galaxy is determined by the gamemaster and random drawings. In this way, no two games are alike and no player knows where there are stars without using a scanner system implemented into the game system. The entire galaxy (or section thereof) consists of thirty-six sheets of graph paper, any one of which a player could begin in.

There are rules for colonizing, increasing technology, and building ships similar to those in Stellar Conquest but with a few intriguing differences. Each player's technology is built in levels, and all movement is tied directly into one's tech. level (i.e., Player A has a Tech. Level of 5, and therefore all his ships have a movement of 5). Moreover, a ship can be any size, depending on how much you wish to spend. If you want to spend 50 RPs on one ship, then the combat strength of that ship is 50 (1 RP is equal to 1 IU in Stellar Conquest).

Also included in this game is the possibility of exploring a planet already inhabited by an alien race, in which case a chart is used to determine if that race is hostile or not. If the aliens prove to be hostile, you must either eliminate them or give up the hope of colonizing that system.

One thing that is totally different from Stellar Conquest is that in Galactic Conquest diplomacy and inter-player communication is allowed, even though no one knows where the other players are unless they bump into each other or inform the others as to their whereabouts.

Galactic Conquest is available for \$4.00, I think. Just write Fantasy Games Unlimited, P.O. Box 182, Roslyn, NY 11576. If enough interest is shown, there is a good chance that we will be putting a game together in some future issue of The Ninth Circle (if it doesn't take too much room, that is!--DJB).

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***Soap and education are not as sudden as a massacre, but they are more deadly in the long run.

--Mark Twain.

***A lifetime of happiness! No man alive could bear it: it would be hell on earth.

--G. B. Shaw.

***(From The Devil's Dictionary) Edible: good to eat, and wholesome to digest, as a worm to a toad, a snake to a pig, a pig to a man, and a man to a worm.

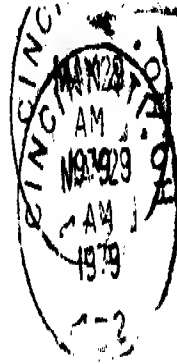
--Ambrose Bierce.

***Politics has got so expensive that it takes lots of money to even get beat with.

--Will Rogers.

Home is heaven and orgies are vile,
**** But I like an orgy, once in a while. ****

--Ogden Nash.



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